



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL SUMMARY

AUGUST 31, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Danny Adkins, Casey Allen, Deana Ashby, Doug Bennett, Robin Cochran, Thom Cochran, Cornelius Faulkner, Scott Hawkins, Mark Kopp, Mike Lafavers, Kyle Lively, Danny Osborne, Marty Pollio, Wayne Roberts, David Rust, Greg Schultz, Jay Simmons, Robb Smith, Kelly Sprinkles, Henry Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kay Dixon, Sanford Holbrook, Marty Pollio, Matt Robbins, Tres Settle

SUMMARY:

Agenda item: Healthy at School Guidance Update

Presenter: Kelly Foster, associate commissioner, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)

Summary of discussion:

Foster shared an update to the Healthy at School flagship COVID-19 guidance document. The updated guidance concludes that the use of cloth face coverings (masks) should be required for all students and staff at all times while in the building or on the bus, unless medically waived. Students and staff should only lower their masks while actively eating or drinking. This change is reflected on pages 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13.

Agenda item: Department for Public Health Update

Presenter: Dr. Connie White, deputy commissioner for Clinical Affairs

Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH)

Summary of discussion:

White addressed Gov. Andy Beshear's recent request to continue tracking COVID-19 cases across the state with an emphasis on getting that information back to local communities. Districts have voiced a need to have COVID-19 numbers for their areas to support the choices made for the 2020-2021 school year. Districts/schools will be set up with an account via the Kentucky Online Gateway (KOG) where they will report numbers of students and staff testing positive for

COVID-19 and/or quarantining daily. This information will be posted informally for the public to see.

Agenda item: English Learners Guidance

Presenter: Jessica Sanderson, Title III English Learners program consultant, KDE Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

Summary of discussion:

Jessica shared that obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act for English Learners (ELs) and their families must still be met during the COVID-19 pandemic. Part of those obligations are meeting the Kentucky entrance and exiting criteria for English Learner Programs. However, the WIDA screener cannot be administered virtually. If the student is placed temporarily, then the student records will be updated once a WIDA screener can be administered. The guidance provides a list of FAQs and responses for operating EL programs during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure all requirements are met. There is not an extension or waiver on the identification timeline set by the U.S. Department of Education (USED). Once a student is identified and placed permanently or temporarily, remote services should begin immediately. The guidance provides some considerations on how to provide EL services remotely. Districts have two options of conducting parent PSP meetings and notifying parents of their child's placement in an EL program:

Option 1: schedule a face-to-face meeting while practicing the safety guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the state and your district; or

Option 2: conduct the meeting virtually.